Important Events

1881 Catholic Church built across the road from the Barthelemy property south of Lackamas Lake.
Nov. 5, 1982 Bethel Congregational Church dedicated first building.
May 12, 1883 LaCamas Colony Company selected townsite of LaCamas.
Sept. 10, 1883 Townsite of LaCamas laid out.
Sept. 13, 1883 Aeneas McMaster opened his store, first in town.
October 1883 First religious service held in Camas by Methodists in home.
Dec. 9, 1883 Presbyterians organize a congregation. Union Sunday School started.
1884 Methodists organize a congregation.
December, 1883 A large force of Chinese laborers start tunnel and ditch to bring water to new paper mill for power and paper-making.
March 23, 1883 Washougal Grange organized.
March 14, 1884 Articles of incorporation filed for Columbia River Paper Company.
Feb. 7, 1884 Post Office established in LaCamas.
1884 First school opened in Camas in a small "shack." Elizabeth McMaster Duffin was the teacher.
April, 1885 First paper produced by new mill.
Oct. 3, 1886 First church building in LaCamas dedicated. Built by Presbyterians with gifts from many denominations. Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and Evangelicals used it one week a month. Union Sunday School continued in this building.
Nov. 6, 1886 Paper mill destroyed by fire. Rebuilt in 1888.

Other anniversaries

1981 75th anniversary of vote to incorporate LaCamas.
1983 75th anniversary of railroad service to LaCamas and Washougal.
1983 75th anniversary of Camas Post.
1984 80th anniversary of Farrell store purchased from Glenn Ranck in 1903.
1984 90th anniversary of state Grange formed in LaCamas Sept. 1889.
1984 65th anniversary of Citizens State Bank, predecessor to Rainier Bank.
1883 75th anniversary of vote to incorporate Washougal.
1983 90th anniversary of telegraph service out of LaCamas and Washougal.